

## Message Text

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ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 CAB-05 CIAE-00 COME-00  
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FM AMEMBASSY DACCA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5275

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS : EAIR, BG

SUBJECT : NEW AIRPORTS

REF : DACCA 2399

1. HEDAYET AHMED, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM) ANNOUNCED RECENTLY THAT THE BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING DRAWING UP A MASTER PLAN FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE CHITTAGONG AIRPORT. THE EXPANSION WOULD MAKE THE AIRPORT CAPABLE OF HANDLING AIRCRAFT THE SIZE OF BOEING 707'S. DISCUSSIONS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN WITH THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK CONCERNING THE FINANCING OF THIS PROJECT, HE ADDED. IT WAS HOPED THAT THE AIRPORT WOULD BE USED TO HANDLE TRAFFIC TO SINGAPORE AND DUBAI AMONG OTHER MIDDLE EASTERN AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN LOCATIONS. EXPANSION OF THE CHITTAGONG AIRPORT WOULD MAKE IT BANGLADESH'S SECOND AIRPORT WITH REGULARLY SCHEDULED INTERNATIONAL SERVICE. (SYLHET AIRPORT HAS CUSTOMS FACILITIES FOR DOMESTIC PASSENGERS WHO BOARD CONNECTING FLIGHTS IN DACCA FOR LONDON, BUT NO INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT FACILITIES.)

2. ALSO ANNOUNCED BY MR. AHMED WAS THE FACT THAT THE NEW KURMITOLA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WHICH IS NOW UNDER UNCLASSIFIED

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CONSTRUCTION OUTSIDE OF DACCA IS SCHEDULED TO BE OPENED IN EARLY 1979. COMMENT: IT IS GENERALLY EXPECTED THAT THIS DEADLINE WILL NOT BE MET.  
END COMMENT.  
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